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TITLE: STERILIZATION APPARATUS AND CONTAINER FOR STERILIZATION

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**VIA EFS WEB**

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents

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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed April 16, 2008 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

**FEE CALCULATION**

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

\_\_\_\_ If checked, "Small Entity" status is claimed.

	No. Claims After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For		Extra Present		Rate	ADDIT. FEE
TOTAL	13	MINUS	20	* =	0	X	(\$25 SE or \$50)	\$ 0
INDEP	2	MINUS	3	** =	0	X	(\$105 SE or \$210)	\$ 0
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim						X	(\$185 SE or \$370)	\$ 0
* not less than 20      ** not less than 3							TOTAL	\$ 0

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### **CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST**

If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 15-0700.

### **SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS**

1. \_\_\_\_ If checked, an abstract (an amended abstract) is submitted herewith.
2. \_\_\_\_ If checked, amendment(s) to the drawings are submitted herewith.
3. \_\_\_\_ If checked, amendment(s) to the specification are submitted herewith.
4. ✓ If checked, amendment(s) to the claims are submitted herewith.